

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

DEBAD et al.

Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: December 17, 2003

FOR: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS AND KITS FOR BIOMARKER EXTRACTION

Confirmation No.: Not Known

Atty. Ref.: 2528-13

Group Art Unit: Not Known

Examiner: Not Known

\* \* \*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

December 17, 2003

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**MS Patent Application**

Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-7.

Claims 37-55 and 60-131 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.